Prep Moms Meeting
January 13, 2015

Opening Prayer: Mr. Naatz
Welcome and Introductions: Mary Beth Lindsay

Creighton Prep Principals Report:
Mr. Chris Searl, Academic Assistant Principal, has announced the academic data for the last semester. They include:

- The seniors’ grade point average 3.33
- The juniors’ grade point average 3.37
- The sophomores’ grade point average 3.41
- The freshmen’s grade point average 3.28
- 27% of seniors made first honors. 37% of seniors made second honors.
- 25 % of the juniors made first honors. 42% of juniors made second honors.
- 34% of the sophomores made first honors. 33% of sophomores made second honors.
- 27% % of the freshmen made first honors. 37% of freshmen made second honors.
- Laughlin Hour was visited by 193 freshmen (5.1 per student) and 123 sophomores (2.8 per student)

Mr. Joe Ryberg, Dean of Students, has announced the discipline data for the last semester. They include:

- Demerits earned per student = 4.4
- Jugs earned per student = 1.0
- 44% of all students had zero demerits, zero jugs and zero Saturday jugs in the system, a six percentage point increase from the previous semester.
- 85% of students earned 10 demerits or less.
- 98% of students earned 25 demerits or less.
- Three students (0.3% of all students) earned 40 demerits or more.
- Twelve students (1.2 % of all students) earned 12 jugs or more, including Saturday jugs.

In our first semester of random mandatory drug and alcohol testing, we tested 458 (45% of students) different students with six positive tests (3 for alcohol and 3 for marijuana). One of these students failed required follow up test, failing both drug and alcohol tests. He is currently in counseling and under a required co-curricular suspension. Another student tested positive for pain hydrocodone but documented that he had a prescription following a medical procedure. The test administration has preceded very smoothly with delivery of “red slips” for “haircuts” an almost unnoticeable part
of the daily routine. With the help of Jonathan Krainak and his programming skills, recordkeeping has been simple and secure. Anecdotally, parents, students and other members of the community have relayed that the testing program is changing behaviors. Students are using less and citing the testing policy as an excuse not to drink or use drugs.

A clean sweep! Congratulations to John Nownes (cross country), Micah Rensch (football) and Nathan Singh (tennis) who have been awarded the top male scholar athletes for the fall season.

Faculty
On Monday, January 5, 2015, faculty members were involved an all-day in-service from Ed Tech Teacher. The objective was to help faculty become comfortable with educational apps on the IPad.

James Justice as a student teacher in the Social Studies Department. Currently, James is completing his teacher training at the University of Nebraska, Omaha.

Sean Barry, nS.J, a Jesuit Novice, will be performing his long experiment at Prep during the second semester. He is is will be working in the Mathematics Department and Campus Ministry. Sean is a graduate of Loyola University in Chicago.

We welcome our new counselor Neil Feser who comes to us from temporary retirement. Last May he completed 36 years of service at Archbishop Bergan Catholic in Fremont.

Three Jesuits will be in Omaha to interview for the Regency Program. This program allows young Jesuits in training to spend three years, teaching, coaching, moderating activities, etc. in schools throughout the Chicago-Detroit and Wisconsin Provinces.

Congratulations to Josh Luedtke! The basketball team’s victory over Omaha Burke was Coach Luedtke’s 200th win.

Congratulations to Fr. Bob Tillman, S.J. The U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) honored Fr. Tillman for his success during the 2014 cross country season.

Reports:
• Freshman Gender Talks: looking for someone to chair next year
• Operation Others Lunch: 175 workers fed. Received $400 in donations
• Christmas Cookies for Staff: 134 boxes distributed, 70 volunteers participated
• Maintenance Crew/Staff Christmas Break Thank You: very well received this year
• 8th Grade Entrance Exam: breakfast served to proctors & pizza served to 8th graders after exam. Suggestion made to have breakfast “on the go” for proctors. 302 8th graders

Guest Speaker-Ms. Jackie Lesiak, Assistant Principal for Professional Development

This is her 8th year at Prep, but first year for this new Prep position. The goal of this area is to improve student learning. She is focusing on curriculum design and review. Technology is continually reviewed to support this action. They are focusing on bringing in outside “teachers” to teach Prep faculty an inservice hands on approach to technology. This inservice was received extremely well and was rated highly by the faculty.

Teachers are being continually taught how to manage space on IPADS, moving their textbooks to Ibooks, and freshmen tech training. This is an ongoing learning process. There is also a help “tech” desk for students needing additional help. Ms. Lesiak is open to comments and suggestions and will continue to make Prep a step ahead in technology in teaching.

Upcoming Events
January 26-30...........World Language Week
February 2................Mom Prom
February 5-7............Freshman Retreat
February 9...............Parent Praying with Ignatius
February 11...............Staff Lunch
February 14...............Pre Entrance Exam
February 18...............Ash Wednesday
February 23-27........Mission Week

Next Prep Mom Meetings:
March 10th at 7:00
April 14th at noon

APRIL 25 IS BASH